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Ray --

I have no idea whether or not this is what your meeting wanted,
but if it's not, I suggest you change it, knowing better than I
they were of the
what ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Your point V, C didn't make any sense to me as
I should suppose if all Southeast Asia were conquered it would just
be conquered, so I substituted the enclosed idea of the prospect
of a CC attack and what the various reactions would be. I should
think if you used something like the enclosed V, you could get rid
of the assumption entirely.

IV. WHAT WOULD BE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR CONCERTED ACTION AGAINST COMMUNISM AMONG THE MAINLAND SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES?

- A. What are the principal obstacles, other than Communist opposition, to an agreement among the governments of Thailand, Burma, and Malaya to act in concert against the spread of Communism?
- B. If Burma, Thailand, and Malaya agreed to concerted action in resistance to Communism, could they check the spread of Communism beyond Indochina?
- C. At what point in the spread of Communism would India attempt to bolster resistance in mainland Southeast Asia and what effect would this have on mainland Southeast Asian countries?

V. WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA OF LARGE-SCALE EMPLOYMENT OF CHINESE COMMUNIST FORCES AGAINST THE FRENCH IN INDOCHINA OR AGAINST OTHER SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES?

- A. What are Chinese Communist capabilities for conquering mainland Southeast Asia?
- B. What would be the effect in the remainder of Southeast Asia if a Viet Minh government were established in Indochina as a result of the employment of Chinese Communist forces?
 - 1. Would the governments of Thailand and Burma be likely to capitulate rather than prepare to resist further Communist expansion?
 - 2. Would the British attempt to maintain their position in Malaya or would they prepare to withdraw from it?
 - 3. Would the possibility of concerted action be improved?
- C. What would be the effect in the remainder of Southeast Asia if the Chinese sought to extend their conquest beyond Indochina?

1. Would resistance crumple at once?
2. Would the British attempt to resist by force or would they prefer to withdraw from Malaya?
3. Would the countries menaced, attempt to resist separately or in concert?
4. Could the countries concerned successfully resist a Chinese Communist attack?
5. Could they resist successfully given outside material aid?